

"Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity."
- Luke 13:12



Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior!

Thank you for joining our church family for worship this morning. Immanuel is a Bible based Christian congregation and so our worship reflects deep devotion to God and to His Holy Word. We especially welcome any guests or visitors and invite you to sign our guest book in the entryway of the church and invite you to join us again.

THE ORDER OF SERVICE is printed in this bulletin and will be projected on the screen in the front of the sanctuary.

RESTROOMS are located at the bottom of the stairs to the right when you exit the narthex into the school building.

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THE MOTHER'S ROOM is next to the bookshelf and stained glass window in the corner of the entryway and is meant only for women and children. Fathers may use the bathroom in the upstairs school hallway. Kid's bulletins and quiet bags can also be found in the entryway.

QUESTIONS? Please contact the Deacon on duty or any of the ushers. They would love to assist you!

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17th Weekend in the Season of

Trinity

The Invocation

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

Congregation (C): ▶ **Amen.**

Opening Prayer

Opening Hymn TLH 29 "Through All the Changing Scenes of Life"

Confession and Absolution of Sins

- P: We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve Him as His dear children. But we have disobeyed Him and deserve only His wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to Him and plead for His mercy.
- C: Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against You and do not deserve to be called Your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to Your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.
- P: God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, He has removed your guilt forever. You are His own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to His will.

C: Amen!

The Kyrie

Lord, Have Mercy

 Lord, have mercy on us. Christ, have mercy on us. Lord, have mercy on us.

The Gloria in Excelsis

Glory in the Highest

- ♪ Glory to God, we give You thanks and praise; Of heav'nly joy and peace on earth we sing. We worship You, to You our hearts we raise, Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.
- ♪ Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son, You bore for us the load of this world's sin. O Lamb of God, Your glorious vict'ry won, Receive our prayer, grant us Your peace within.
- ↑ Alone, O Christ, You only are the Lord, At God's right hand in majesty most high: Who, with the Spirit worshiped and adored, With all the heav'nly host we glorify.

Prayer of the Day

P: Let us pray... O Lord, we beseech You, grant Your people strength to withstand the temptations of our enemy, the Devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow You, the only God; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: ♪ Amen.

Old Testament Reading

1 Samuel 15:13-26

Then Samuel went to Saul, and Saul said to him, "Blessed are you of the LORD! I have performed the commandment of the LORD." 14 But Samuel said, "What then is this bleating of the sheep in my ears, and the lowing of the oxen which I hear?" 15 And Saul said, "They have brought them from the Amalekites; for the people spared the best of the sheep and the oxen, to sacrifice to the LORD your God;

and the rest we have utterly destroyed." 16 Then Samuel said to Saul, "Be quiet! And I will tell you what the LORD said to me last night." And he said to him, "Speak on." 17 So Samuel said, "When you were little in your own eyes, were you not head of the tribes of Israel? And did not the LORD anoint you king over Israel? 18 "Now the LORD sent you on a mission, and said, 'Go, and utterly destroy the sinners, the Amalekites, and fight against them until they are consumed.' 19 "Why then did you not obey the voice of the LORD? Why did you swoop down on the spoil, and do evil in the sight of the LORD?" 20 And Saul said to Samuel, "But I have obeyed the voice of the LORD, and gone on the mission on which the LORD sent me, and brought back Agag king of Amalek; I have utterly destroyed the Amalekites. 21 "But the people took of the plunder, sheep and oxen, the best of the things which should have been utterly destroyed, to sacrifice to the LORD your God in Gilgal." 22 Then Samuel said: "Has the LORD as great delight in burnt offerings and sacrifices, As in obeying the voice of the LORD? Behold, to obey is better than sacrifice, And to heed than the fat of rams. 23 For rebellion is as the sin of witchcraft, And stubbornness is as iniquity and idolatry. Because you have rejected the word of the LORD, He also has rejected you from being king." 24 Then Saul said to Samuel, "I have sinned, for I have transgressed the commandment of the LORD and your words, because I feared the people and obeyed their voice. 25 "Now therefore, please pardon my sin, and return with me, that I may worship the LORD." 26 But Samuel said to Saul, "I will not return with you, for you have rejected the word of the LORD, and the LORD has rejected you from being king over Israel."

Psalm of the Day

Psalm 43

P: Vindicate me, O God, And plead my cause against an ungodly nation;

C: Oh, deliver me from the deceitful and unjust man!

- P: For You are the God of my strength; Why do You cast me off?
- C: Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?
- P: Oh, send out Your light and Your truth! Let them lead me;
- C: Let them bring me to Your holy hill And to Your tabernacle.
- P: Then I will go to the altar of God, To God my exceeding joy;
- C: And on the harp I will praise You, O God, my God.
- P: Why are you cast down, O my soul? And why are you disquieted within me?
- C: Hope in God; For I shall yet praise Him, The help of my countenance and my God.

New Testament Reading

Acts 6:1-7

Now in those days, when the number of the disciples was multiplying, there arose a complaint against the Hebrews by the Hellenists, because their widows were neglected in the daily distribution. 2 Then the twelve summoned the multitude of the disciples and said, "It is not desirable that we should leave the word of God and serve tables. 3 "Therefore, brethren, seek out from among you seven men of good reputation, full of the Holy Spirit and wisdom, whom we may appoint over this business; 4 "but we will give ourselves continually to prayer and to the ministry of the word." 5 And the saying pleased the whole multitude. And they chose Stephen, a man full of faith and the Holy Spirit, and Philip, Prochorus, Nicanor, Timon, Parmenas, and Nicolas, a proselyte from Antioch, **6** whom they set before the apostles; and when they had prayed, they laid hands on them. 7 Then the word of God spread, and the number of

the disciples multiplied greatly in Jerusalem, and a great many of the priests were obedient to the faith.

P: Blessed are they who hear the Word of God and keep it.

C: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

These words are written that we may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Confession of Faith

Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Immanuel Choirs

"Children of the Heavenly Father"

Children's Sermon "Because You Have to or Because You Want To"

Hymn of the Day

TLH 390 "Drawn to the Cross"

Sermon *Luke 13:10-17*

Now He was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath. 11 And behold, there was a woman who had a spirit of infirmity eighteen years, and was bent over and could in no way raise herself up. 12 But when Jesus saw her, He called her to Him and

said to her, "Woman, you are loosed from your infirmity." 13 And He laid His hands on her, and immediately she was made straight, and glorified God. 14 But the ruler of the synagogue answered with indignation, because Jesus had healed on the Sabbath; and he said to the crowd, "There are six days on which men ought to work; therefore come and be healed on them, and not on the Sabbath day." 15 The Lord then answered him and said, "Hypocrite! Does not each one of you on the Sabbath loose his ox or donkey from the stall, and lead it away to water it? 16 "So ought not this woman, being a daughter of Abraham, whom Satan has bound-- think of it-- for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the Sabbath?" 17 And when He said these things, all His adversaries were put to shame; and all the multitude rejoiced for all the glorious things that were done by Him.

Glorious Things Were Done by Him

- 1. He Has Healed Us from the Infirmity of Sin
 - 2. He Has Put His Enemies to Shame
 - 3. He Has Given Us the Freedom to Serve

Preaching today: Pastor Joe Naumann

Offertory

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♪ Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Your presence. Take not Your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of Your salvation. Uphold with Your Spirit free.

Sermon Hymn

TLH 336 "My God, Accept My Heart This Day"

Offering of Thankful Hearts

Offering Hymn

TLH 438:4-5

 but when we give, and give our best, we give Thee only what is Thine.

O Father, whence all blessings come;

O Son, Dispenser of God's store,

O Spirit, bear our offerings home:

Lord, make them Thine forevermore.

The General Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father who art in heaven, Hallowed be Thy name; Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven; Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation; But deliver us from evil; For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction *Numbers 6:24-26*

P: The LORD bless you and keep you.

The LORD make His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

The LORD lift up His countenance upon you and give you peace.

C: Amen! Amen! Amen!

Closing Hymn TLH 52 "Almighty Father, Bless the Word"

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LAST WEEK

EAST WEEK					
IMMANUEL LUTHERAN CHURCH (SEPT 14-15 REPORTED) Budgetary \$20,755.15 Current Expenses	\$640 CLC General Budget (CBP) \$50 ILC Student Aid \$54 CLC Kinship				
Non-Budgetary \$45 Major Improvement \$70 ILS Student Aid \$55 Land Purchase \$15 ILS Foundation \$85 Benevolent	Memorials: In Loving Memory of Bonnie Kueker \$90 Undesignated \$50 Endowment- Kindergarten In Loving Memory of Orpah Hermal \$100 Undesignated				

Saturday Worship 9/14: **73**Saturday Bible Class: **13**Sunday Worship 9/15: **174**Sunday Bible Class: **55**Sunday School: **22**

Location Active Time Day of the week # Souls Type Laurel's Peak Worship Yes 10:00 AM 1st, 3rd Monday 8 Latitude 10:00 AM Study 20 Yes **Every Tuesday** 6 10:15 AM 1, 3, 5th Tuesday **New Perspective** Yes Study Oak Terrace Yes 9:00 AM **Every Thursday** Study 10:00 AM Pond's View Yes **Every Thursday** Study 8 Men's Breakfast Yes 6:30 AM Every Friday Study 25 Number of souls finding comfort in God's Word this week: 74 Thank you to our volunteer laymen who we've called to continue to help lead these services!

THIS WEEK

Sat Sept 21	6:00p	Divine Worship Service		
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School		
Sun Sept 22	9:00a	Adult Bible Class/ Sunday School/ Ambassadors		
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM		
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service		
		Live Stream – <u>CLICK HERE</u>		
Mon Sept 23	7:00p	College Age Bible Study Online or In Person		
Tues Sept 24	7:00p	Board of Elder Meeting		

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Wed Sept 25	5:00p	Confirmation Class			
Thur Sept 26	3-5p	Pastors Office Hours (let them know if you need a visit)			
	6:15p	Church Choir Practice			
Fri Sept 27	6:30a	Men's Breakfast & Bible Study			
Sat Sept 28	6:00p	Divine Worship Service			
	7:00p	Adult Bible Class / Sunday School			
Sun Sept 29 9:00a Adult Bible C		Adult Bible Class / Sunday School / Ambassadors			
	9:00a	Radio Sermon: KTOE 1420AM or 102.7FM			
	10:00a	Divine Worship Service			
		Food Shelf Sunday			
	11:00a	Freshmen Carnival			

UPCOMING EVENTS

Freshmen Carnival- September 29th 11-1pm Outdoor Adventure Day- October 12th Trunk or Treat- October 13th 2-4pm Red Cross Blood Drive- October 17th

IMMANUEL ANNOUNCEMENTS

COLLEGE AGE BIBLE STUDY We are beginning a Bible study for college age young people beginning on **Monday, September 23rd**. The studies will take up "Questions Christians hope no one will ask" and will cover important questions about the Christian faith that young adults hear from their peers or even wrestle with themselves. Young people do not need to be in college. This is intended for young people ages 18-23 (or older!), who have graduated from High School. Please join us as we address these questions and see that God has good answers to these questions. Our Bible study will meet on the second and fourth Monday of each month at 7pm, and will be offered both online (meet.google.com/eeo-ojhv-zje), and in person here at church. Please share this information with your college-age family members! If you have questions, or if you would like to share contact information for someone who may be interested, please reach out to Pastor Mayhew.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE Our Immanuel High School Seniors are hosting a blood drive at Immanuel on **Thursday, October 17 from 11:00am - 4:00pm**. Visit <u>redcrossblood.org</u> and enter the Mankato zip code (56001) to find our blood drive and give the gift of life to those who need it! Thank you for your support.

BABY SHOWER For the month of September there will be a 'Baby Shower' display in the narthex with a list of items that are needed for the Pregnancy

Center Birthright, here in Mankato. If you can donate to this shower, please drop off your items in the bags on the display. Thank you!

THE IMMANUEL TRUNK OR TREAT will be **Sunday**, **October 13 from 2-4pm**. This has been a fun event for our families the past few years but to have a Trunk or Treat we need volunteers to bring a "Trunk!" If you are willing to help put on this fun event for the younger members of our church family, please sign up here: https://forms.gle/RWPwB5FfnxXaGodE6

FRESHMEN CARNIVAL Join us for food, games & more! Come support the ILHS Freshmen Class of 2028 in the Gym on September 29th, from 11-1pm.

ADULT BIBLE CLASS In Bible Class this year we have been taking up a series of studies under the theme: "What Does the Bible Say About...?" This week we are considering the question "What does the Bible say about Evolution." We will consider the account of Creation, the claims of the Theory of Evolution, and evidence that points to a young earth. Next week we will study the two main teachings of the Bible, the law and the gospel. We hope that you will join us as we study what God has to say about these important questions!

SUNDAY SCHOOL This week our students learned about the account of Cain and Abel. This lesson helps us to understand what the difference is between an offering that is pleasing to God and one that isn't. They also learned about the danger of allowing temptation and sin to rule our lives. Next week we will learn about the power of prayer in the account of Hannah and her plea for a son.

COMMUNION SERVICE In an effort towards being decent and orderly in our practice of distributing Communion, the Board of Deacons has decided to stop livestreaming the Communion portion of our worship services. This is not meant to discourage any of our members from receiving the Lord's Supper, but rather an effort to be careful and intentional about this sacred offering of our Savior's very body and blood. We encourage all of our members to contact a pastor at your convenience to schedule a time to receive Communion. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact a Pastor or a Deacon as well.

CHURCH LIBRARY Check out these titles in our Church library - We encourage you to make use of our church library, located on the back wall in the church entry. There are some valuable resources for you, no matter who you are! Here are a few suggestions for you to consider:

• For Such a Time as This - This is a three volume set of devotions, specifically chosen to bring comfort to Christians as we face trouble or suffering in this life. Each volume contains 100 devotions, and each devotion is just one page long. They are short, gospel centered reminders of the hope that is ours in Christ

during hard times in a fallen world. These volumes would be good for couples or families with older children.

- Revelation The People's Bible Series Many Christians hesitate to read the Book of Revelation because it can be hard to understand. Take up the task using this book as a guide to walk you through the background and meaning of this important (and actually comforting) book of God's Word. Use it in your own private study or with your entire family. Take up a section each day. The People's Bible series includes a volume on every book of the Bible, so you can pick another volume on a different book if you prefer. This series is not a study book for pastors, but is intended for lay members to help them grow in their knowledge of God's Word.
- Check this Out This is a DVD with six mini videos on questions dealing with: Radiometric Dating, Fossils and the Flood, the Origin of the Races, Pain and Suffering, the Nature of Science, and the Problems of Evolution. Each animated video is 3-4 minutes long and summarizes a Biblical response to each topic. The videos are faced-paced and intended primarily for teens and young adults.
- **Courageous** Looking for a family movie? Check out this movie about four policemen who, when tragedy strikes at home, wrestle with God's role in their lives and their God-given roles as fathers. Rated PG-13, it contains real-life struggles, but which are presented from a Christian perspective.

BOOK FAIR *Ready? Let's Read* is an online Christian book fair for all ages. The book fair will open online at *pfpaqes.com/store-search* on Friday, Sep. 27. Books range from children's books to adult books. For sales up to \$1,000, Immanuel School will receive 10% back. For sales above \$1,000, Immanuel School will receive 20% back. This is a great opportunity to explore Christian titles for the family and raise money for the school! Fliers are available in the narthex. Starting Sep. 27, go to the website *pfpages.com/store-search* and search for **Immanuel Lutheran School Mankato** or use the QR code on the fliers and posters to access the fair.

2024 SOPHMORE SASQUATCH SEARCH Sasquatch is on the loose! He's been spotted in the area, and the 2024 Sophomore class needs *your* help. Join us at **Seven Mile Creek Park** on **Sunday, Nov. 3 from 2:00-3:30 PM**. Enjoy a fall hike along the trails with family and friends but keep your eyes open for hidden objects--you may win a prize! Registration is only **\$20** per person. Children 6th grade and under can participate for free. Come support the sophomore class!More details available at: sophomore5k.weebly.com. Pre-register online or with a sophomore.

SEE YOU AT THE POLE Throughout His Word, God encourages us to pray to Him. He invites us - even commands us - to bring our needs, our fears, as well as our praise and thanksgiving to Him. As we observe the world around us, we realize that there is much that we can and should be praying for. The Apostle

Paul wrote: "Therefore I exhort first of all that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and giving of thanks be made for all men, for kings and all who are in authority, that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and reverence" (1 Timothy 2:1-2). The students of Immanuel will be gathering before school on Wednesday morning, September 25, at 7:40am to lift such prayers to God, and they invite the members of Immanuel to join them. They will be praying for our congregation and school, our community in and around Mankato, our nation and its leaders, our fellow believers throughout the world, and all people. There are many events like this that encourage Christians to pray together with those who do not believe or teach the same thing, which is not what God desires. But with this event we have an opportunity to join in prayer with those with whom we agree in the teachings of God's Word. Please join us for this time of student-led prayer Wednesday morning!

SYNOD ANNOUNCEMENTS

SYNOD CALLS Pastor Drew Naumann of Trinity Ev. Lutheran, Spokane, WA has received the call to St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA. <> Pastor Emeritus Mark Gullerud has been called and has accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of St. Stephen Lutheran Church and School, Mountain View, CA beginning October 15, 2024. <> Pastor Timothy Daub of Prince of Peace Lutheran Church, Hecla, SD has received the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Redeemer Ev. Lutheran Church, Bowdle, SD. <> Pastor Timothy Daub has also received the call to Faith Lutheran Church, Manchester, MO.<> Pastor Zachary Sippert will be installed at Grace Ev. Lutheran Church, Sleepy Eye, MN on September 29, 2024. <> Pastor Tom Schuetze has received and accepted the call to serve as vacancy pastor of Peace Lutheran Church, Loveland, CO following Pastor Timothy Wheaton's retirement on September 29, 2024.

CLC MISSION PRAYERS Myanmar (South Asia) – It's been over three years since the military overthrew Myanmar's democratically elected government, plunging the nation into a devastating civil war. Countless innocent people are suffering, including farmers who can't grow crops, leading to food shortages and soaring prices. Many members of the CLCM have been forced to flee their homes, seeking safety for their families. To help our fellow brothers and sisters in Christ, the CLC Board of Missions has approved Kinship funding for one year. This funding will provide vital humanitarian aid, ensuring access to essentials like food, shelter, and medical care for displaced CLCM members. Please continue to keep our brothers and sisters in Christ in your thoughts and prayers, asking for peace, justice, and relief for all affected by this conflict.

CLC Financial Report - July 2024

	Balance	YTD	YTD	Budget	Balance
Operating Funds	7/1/2024	Revenue	Disbursed	1 Month	7/31/2024
General Fund	0	94,638	117,280	109,415	(22,642)
ILC Operations (incl. CLC subsidy)	0	63,835	128,017	143,675	(64,182)
Auxiliary Funds					
ILC Improvement Fund (IIF)	110,979	3,726	23,634		91,071
ILC Building Projects	1,560,282	53,775	0		1,614,057
Mission Development Fund (MDF)	120,784	15,725	11,669		124,840
Kinship	169,884	12,135	22,226		159,793
Church Extension Fund (CEF)	2,684,208	83,569	4,104		2,763,673
Student Aid Fund (SAF)	117,317	10,338	1,009		126,646
EduK8 Fund	47,692	4,716	0		52,408
Reserve Fund	79,964	343	0		80,307
Auxiliary Funds Totals	\$4,891,110	\$184,327	\$62,642		\$5,012,795

July is the start of our new fiscal year and a good time to look forward to the financial goals set before us. The convention passed a **General Fund** budget for our contributions of \$1,312,993 for the new year or about \$109,415 per month. This is an increase of 19.9% over what was received in contributions last year. The increase results from moving half of the third missionary salary and expenses from **MDF** to the **General Fund**, from annual salary increases and from a \$50,000 increase in the Board of Education's budget "for the purpose of assisting CLC congregations in the establishment and ongoing support of Christian Day Schools" which was added during the convention. The **EduK8 Fund** was set up for this purpose but the convention determined that they wanted to be able to provide more support than the **EduK8 Fund** might have available if multiple congregations were looking for assistance in such an endeavor.

You can look at the detail above to see how each of the funds fared in July. With the substantial budget increase, your prayers, consideration, and contributions are needed for the new year.

Stephen R. Lentz, CLC Treasurer Thomas J. Lentz, Chairman, CLC Board of Trustees



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We Thank Those Serving Us Today

(4th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

ORGANIST Kristen Friedrichs

SCREEN Joe Furst & Gabby Harris

FLOWERS Debra Mayhew

HEAD USHER Ben Busse

DEACON Daniel Pfeiffer

GREETERS

COUNTERS Paul Bade & Sue Jensen

LIVESTREAM

ASST USHER Michael Wheaton

USHERS Peter Busse, Jason Dick, Mark Geiger, Gaius Hensley, Mark Mayhew,

Bernt Olmanson, Charles Olmanson, Andrew Olmanson, Ben Stratton,

Jack Stratton, Tim Williams, Troy Williams

SOUND

Serving Us Next Weekend

(5th Weekend of the Month)

PASTOR Joe Naumann

ORGANIST Vickie Schreyer

SCREEN Joe Furst & Russ Schmitt

FLOWERS Debra Mayhew

HEAD USHER Council

USHERS Council

SOUND

DEACON Anthony Greve

GREETERS Ben & Michelle Stratton

COUNTERS

LIVESTREAM

ASST USHER Council